POWDER'S POWER.

The Terrible Explosion of a Magazine near Chicago.

Electricity Causes Ninety Tons of Explosives to Instanly Go Off.

Many Persons Killed, Houses Torn to Ruins and Destruction Generally the Result.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 30 .- A terrible exolosion of the powder magazine belonging to the Lafflin-Rand powder company, in Brighton, a suberb of this city occurred in the midst of a heavy thunder storm yesterwas struck by lightning and an explosion followed, which destroyed property valued at \$75,000, besides killing one person almost instantly, fatally injuring four others and inflicting painful injuries on nearly twenty-five more.

The combined efforts of a hard fought battle, a cyclone and the withering flashes of lighning could not have presented a picture of more terrible desolation and destruction than did the country for half a ruins indicated that the house was squeezed mile in all directions from the exploded

To-day opened gloomily, at 8 o'clock rain began falling furiously 'Flashes of lightning were soon cha-ing each other across the whole firmament and the heavens seemen ablaze, while the thunder was glass had entered just under her left collar deafening.

About 9:15 a flash which all agree was much brighter than those preceding it was followed by a report that shook the greater' part of the country. It was a sharp report but strange to say by most of those who lived in the vicinity of the explosion it was hardly distinguishable from the series of thunder claps which had been ary were thrown about as if they were playthings in a giant's power. Men, women and children were tossed around at

leased by the explosion. two miles from the extreme southwest edge | the county hospital to-night, however, he of the city where the Archer avenue settles | was still alive. into a conventional highway. On one side waved great fields of ripening corn, on the other a broad stretch of prairie for nearly a mile in all directions.

WHERE THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED.

walls of yellow brick, roof of slate and lightning rod or conductor. magazine space rose the home of M. J. able mass.

der company was one of the largest of a hurt dozen structures in the neighborhood. It was a substantial brick house 70x30 feet in dimension, with a slate roof and one iron door of great strength. The maga- was greatly affected by the disturbed conzine was 300 feet east of the cottage of dition of the atmosphere. The main hall John Guhl and 7 0 feet from the resi- on the second floor is lighted by three dence of Mr. Tiernan.

ing the people of the vicinity were all in sheets were shattered, none of the fragdoors, many of them prolonging their Sat- ments being larger than a 50 cent p ece. urday night's rest. An occasional wagon The man who cleans the electric light passing along Archer road was about the only sign of life out of doors.

rectly over Laffin & Rand's magazine. In structure would topple over. an instant the air was filled with flying missiles. Masses of brick and clay, sheets by felt at the Palmer house, and caused a of tin, large stones and pieces of timber performed indescribable gyrations, hundreds of feet in the air, some falling back close to the points from which they started same may be said of the Grand Pacific while others shot off through space with a hotel. frightful velocity, only conforming to the laws of gravity after long flights. Stones weighing from ten to fifty pounds were thrown into fields two miles from the scenes. Trees were stripped, fences by the stantly. mile were laid low, telegraph wires snapped, and the prairie bore seams as of a fearfully burned. thousand steam plows. Not a building John Guhl, teamster for the Oriental damage.

A FAMILY MANGLED.

The cottage of John Guhl with its surrounding outhouses was laid low, and in a moment parts of the exploded warehouse

began falling on t e cottage. Guhl's family consisted of himself, his wife and Carlie Ahernworth, fourteen years of age. The latter was instantly kil'ed while Guhl and his wife were dragged from the ruins frightfully mangled Their horses, cow and swine were all killed by the concussion and the bodies blown full of dirt, sand and powder.

The ruins of Guhl's house immediately caught fire and the smouldering fragments

burned out during the day. Tho body of Carlie Ahernworth presente a sickening spectacle. Half the face was torn away, the eyes were almost blown from the sockets and there was a gaping hole in her forehead large enough to re-

ceive a man's fist. Guhl's left arm was torn from the shoul-

The body of the girl was removed to the home of her uncle, August Ahernworth, on

California avenue. John Guhl was alive when taken out. but in a terrible condition. His right leg was broken in two places, his back was severe y injured, the flesh on his face was cut into ribbons, and powder, sand and pebbles were blown into the ugly gashes

His sufferings were agonizing to behold. Mrs. Guhl was extricated alive but almost beyond hope. Her entire body was mangled and bruised. The right side of her body was paralyzed, but the worst of

back of her head, through which her

Guhl and his wife were carried to the residence of Dr. J. Lee Mills, where they were treated and were then removed to the

Directly south of Laffin & Rand's powder house facing the Archer avenue road to the northwest stood the modest little frame house of Mrs, Eliza Devine. It had only one room but was enough for its only oc-

HOUSE OF AN OLD LADY WRECKED.

oupant. She had reached the age of 65, had seen her children marry and had hoped to spend her remaining days in the peace and quiet of her little home. What little was required for her support she earned by making dresses for the women in the neighborhood.

What the old woman experienced when the explosion took place, about seventyfive feet from her, will never be written. When the frightened neighbors were satisfied that the rain of stones had ceased they found Mrs. Devine's house was a total wreck. It did not have the appearance day morning at 9 o'clock. The magazine which characterized the ruins of Guhl's house - that of having been blown away by a strongwind-but it had simply collapsed -melter, as it were. The debris was not scattered, but it occupied the same amount of space as did the house before the ex-

TWO PERSONS FRIGHTFULLY HURT.

The presence of a stone weighing about three hundred pounds on the top of the together like a shell and its immates caught without a chance of escape. Willing hands were soon at work, and after much labor she was extricated. Her right leg from the knee down was crushed into a shapeless mass of flesh and bone. A large piece of

arm pit. Peter Kenna farmer from Orland was driving past in his wagon on the Archer road, and was immediately in front of the great magazine when the bolt struck. He was blown 200 feet in the corn-field, and when picked up was found to be frightfully injured. One of his horses was killed outthe order of the morning. All agree that right and hurled into a ditch at the side of there was a tremendous shaking of the the road. The other animal was badly earth. Articles of furniture not station- hurt and the wagon was reduced to bits. Kenna's ribs were fractured and his face and body terribly smashed. Dirt and sand blown into the cuts rendered his agony the will of the terrible, resistless force re- terrible. The man's tongue was swollen until he could hardly breathe. Every The scene of the catastrophe is about gasp told of frightful internal injury. At

JUSTICE TIERNAN'S WRECK.

der supply for Chicago and the territory wall and the roof were blown down, and off. dependent upon it was stor d. A few peo- the greater part of the material composing ple of the humbler class built their poor them had disappeared. The second floor homes on the prairie close to the ware- of the main part of the commodious house houses containing the deadly stuff and was let down on one side and the furniture, lived without fear of disaster from their bed clothes, toilet articles and wearing approximity. Right in the midst of the parel were heaped up in in an indescrib- badly burned about the face and arms

Tiernan, police magistrate of the Town of | The most marvelous feature of the explo-Lake, in the limits of which corporation | sion is the miraculous escape of Mr. and the warehouses stood. The house was un- Mrs. Tiernan and their six children who til to-day an attractive looking building came through the disaster almost without two stories high with a spacious veranda injury. They were all in the house, and in front and surrounded by a number of their faces were blown full of glass, and they resembled convalescent small-pox the hospit l. The body of The magazine of the Laffin & Rand pow- patients, but not one of them was seriously

GLASS SEVEN MILES AWAY BROKEN.

The board of trade building, although seven miles from the scene of the explosion, sheets of plate glass, each about 12 feet When the rain began to fall this morn- square. The upper and lower of these

lamps was in the tower, which is 350 feet high, doing this work, when the explosion Just preceding the explosion a long elec- occurred. He stated that the tower swayed tric flame seemed to burst from a cloud di- in a way that led him to fear that the

> The shock of the explosion was distinctsudden extinguishment of all the lights in the barber shop, while the substantial hotel was shaken from roof to foundation. The

LIST OF THE INIURED.

The dead and fatally injured are:

proken in two places, internal wounds. Mrs. Guhl, skull crushed.

Mrs. Eliza Devine, right leg crushed to jelly, breast transfixed by a strip of

glass. The shock caved in two magazines of the Oriental powder company, a d also those belonging to the Warren powder company, the Hazard and the Dupont and the Forcite dynamite store house. The Lafflin & Rand powder company's was the only one which exploded. Where it stood is now an immense excavation nearly fifty feet in

Besides the one dead and four who can not servive, the following is a partial list of those who are known to be seriously in-

Peter Ham, 28 years old gardner. James Shonnon 16 years old, lived on oseph street and Peason avenue.

The Kelly brothers, 14 and 16 years old, respectively; live on Western avenue, near Thirty-sixth street.

Madden, a small boy, whose parents live on Thirty-eight street, near Pearson avenue. Philip Bowler, a cabinetmaker 22 South Union street; arm crushed by a flying stone and amoutated.

John Lordy, Jr., 17 years old, of 165 Canalport avenue; leg badly crushed. John Jung, 52 years old, gardener. Mrs. Jung, 46 years old, wife of the for-

Miss Kennedy, 18 years old, living a marter of a mile from the scene.

EFFECTS AT OTHER PLACEL.

tinctly felt in all parts of the city and

The explosion played sad havoc at the bridewell. The female prisoners were terribly frightened but none were injured. Mrs. Armour, one of the matrons, was in the upper hall in the rear part of the building. She was prostrated by the nervous shock and will not be able to atten I to duty | Several Towns Completely Wreckfor reveral days.

The ceiling in the upper floor of the main building was cracked through from east to west in a straight line and patches of the plastering fell in all parts of the building. The greatest damage was done to the ceiling in the main hall, which was nearly all torn down. Several doors in the building were blown from their hinges and about two hundred panes of glass were broken.

At McCormick's works about two hundred panes of glass on the river side were broken, the building was shaken and the doors were blown from their hinges. George Kenn, a farmer injured in th powder explosion, died this afternoon making seven deaths.

A FATAL EXPLOSION.

Five Men Killed by Fire Damp in a Pennsylvania Coal Mine.

this morning which resulted in the death | the depot and brought further details of jured. John H. Hosie and J. Gallagher | earthquake was first felt. It lasted three. | cut off from communication with the rest were standing at the head of the slope at quarters of a minute bone, and had been forced out through her the time of the accident and felt the force of the explosion as the rush of air came out of the mouth of the mine. They at once started to go in and ascertain the extent of the damage. The August quota of coal had been mined last week and the men were employed in the mines, wor came, however, that a party of five or six men had gone into the mines to clear up the side streets are completely filled with their chambers Inspector Elewitt happened to come along about this time and he passable. After the shock many houses and Gallagher with a party entered the beyond all description. On some of last night at 9:55, knocking down several sores and restores the sense of taste at mines going down to the third and lower

THEY FOLLWED THE AIR COURSE. etc., as they went along. Their progress was nec ssarily slow and course they followed took them to the right hand of the mine. came at last to a point whore they found The exploded magazine contained, it is repairs necessary and returned to the foot estimated, 140,000 pounds of powder and of the mines for more material when they half as much dynamite. In the neighbor- | learned that groans had been heard in the ing ten store-houses were 500,000 pounds east gangway and found the party who On this prairie are, or rather were, a of dynamite and twice as much powder. had gone in the mines before the accident dozen plain but strongly built houses, with Not one of the eleven buildings had a near or about the entrance of one of the chamber, a short distance from the foot of strong iron doors. These houses were the Justice Tiernan's house was a wonderful an inside plane about one hundred and magazines in which the bulk of the pow- looking assortment of ruins. The east fifty feet from where the heading branches

THREE OF THEM WERE ALIVE

andthree dead. The killed were: Hugh and Michael Sayle. The first man brought to the surface was John Nafir, who is John Kerrigan was alive when found and down. talked the strongest of all, but he died before being brought to the surface. The next was John Conners. He has two large scalp wounds, a bad cut on the knee and another on the arm. His face and off. hand are badly bruised. He was taked to

EDWARD PIERCE, THE FIRE BOSS,

was found about 150 feet from the others Patrick Conner says that he and the others waited for sometime at the mouth of the vein for the fire boss. At last he came from another vein. He said he had not been in the lower vein but told them to was all right. They went to the foot of the new road when Pierce went ahead to where he had a box with some lamps Queen and Market street. and oil in it. He carried a safety lamp and they stood there waiting for him, when ter of the shock, which terrified the counsuddenly there was a flash and the explosion followed quickly.

HE FELL FLAT ON HIS FACE. He felt that he was in too exposed a position and escaped to the side of a pillar, to this action he probably owes his life. When the explosion was over he called out to the men in total darkness and Kerrigan Nafin and Pryle answered but no word came from Gaughan or Conners. Kerrigan wanted him to try to go with him to the foot and he rose on his most beautiful cemetery in the south, are Summerville that many persons are killed feet to do so but he felt so sick that he n ruins. would not go, and had to lie down again. Miss Carrie Ahernworth, killed in- They waited there in the blackness of night sick, wounded and helpless with Peter Kenn, a farmer, ribs broken and their dead comrades lying near them, at last they heard voices and Connor called quake such as was never before known in presently the voices came nearer, they saw the history of this city, swept over Charles- effect of the eathquake was a very general Palace Sleeping Coeches by this road from within a mile of the explosion escaped powder company, ribs fractured, right leg lights approaching and soon the rescuing ton last night shortly after ten o'clock caus feeling of dizziness which caused nine peo- ST. LOUIS TO CINCINNATI AN party with them. How the fire originated ing more loss and injury to property and ple out of ten to imagine they were sick. is a mystery.

Sad Suicide.

Kansas City, Sept. 2.-[Special.]-One of the saddest suicides which ever occurred in this vicinity took place in Wyandotte to-day at 1 o'clock, the victim being Geo. Schillers who blew his head off at his home on Garret street where he resided with his mother. The weapon used was an old army musket. The piece was heavily loaded that in its recoil it was blown in the city are in ruins, as also the hiberacross the room. Nothing was left of Schiller's head but his jaw bone and his brains, and broken pieces of the skull covered the bed and the wall near it. The been killed and several hundred wounded. body was removed to Raymond's under- at the close of taking roms.

Schiller formerly worked in the smokehouse at Fowler's packing house. He had fires broke out in five different parts of the months and was gradually going behind. by fire and scarcely one hundred houses in sons for her support Despondency caused the stores are closed and a scarcity of prohim to take his life in this sanguinary vision is feared, not from want of provis-

The Telephone Fight.

counsel in the telephone suit are busily ing and one at about 1:30 p. m. neither engaged in preparing an answer to the doing any further destruction. Not even demurrer filed by the Bell Telephone com- during the Quincy A. Gilmare bombard. Savings Deposits Received and brief is practically completed. The argu-ment will begin on the twentieth day of is literally in ruins and the people are liv-The force of the explosion traveled September and the government's case will ing in the open squares and public parks. across the city in a northern and easterly be presented by Messrs. Burman, Lowry There is a great rush to the railroad depot her wounds was a gaping fracture in the direction, and left a trail about three-quar- and Chandler.

THE EARTHQUAKE.

trous at Charleston, S. C., and Other Points.

ed-Many Lives Lost and **Hundreds Homeless.**

Latest and Fullest Details from All Parts of the Country.

The Charleston Disaster.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 1 .- The city of Charleston lies in ruins. Late last night happened to the city, but communication hand. Charleston was isolated from the world. Finally, at 9:55 a mess ge came. It was brief, but it told the fearful news:

dosion occurred in th Fair Lawn colliery | the trains from the south came rolling into

AND WAS MOST SEVERE.

Three shocks followed in quick succession. the duration increasing with each. The first did more damage than the great cyclone of two years ago. People had rushed into the street for protection. Many of them found their death there. Several of shape of snakes. ruins. All the main highways are imthe streets the cracks made by the earthquake were ten feet wide and the boiling water which had been forced out turnstopping to repair damages to the brattice, ed the gutters into veritable rivers. It was midnight before any thing like peace had been restored. This morning the sun rose on the fearful scenes of the disaster and it became possible to make estimates houses were shaken as though made of of damages.

were mostly colored. Among the whites were the following prominent citizens: P. J. Lynch, Dr. R. Alexander, J. Hammond, P. Ainsworth, R. H. Robinson.

at the morgue, unidentified as yet. The flames did not spread, but did considerable damage.

About 100 persons were more or less seri ously injured. The water from the bay submerged many houses along the beach. Conners, of Bellevue, Edward Gaughan The damage will foot up a million dollars.

DETAILED DAMAGES

The Academy of Music, cor of King and Market streets, was badly injured. Two employees are believed to have been killed. St. Michael's church had it spire blown

The railaoad tracks for miles have been spread so that it is impossible to utilize them. * Passengers cannot get into Charleston except by transfer.

There was much damage done to ship-

Meeting street is completely blocked up, and business along this, the principal thor- ust 30 when the ship was fourteen miles to oughfare, it at a stand still.

come on and he would see if everything the city hall, corner Broad and Mee.ing the highest peak on the eastern end of the streets, the medical college, on Queen street | island was in a state of eruption ejecting and the Raper hospital, near the corner of smoke from a crater like Mount Ætna. It appears that Charleston was the cen-

try from the coast to the Mississipi.

needy. Charleston College and the Catholic Con-

vent were slightly injured. At Magnolia Cemetery the loss is deplorable. It is believed that the fine shaft raised to the memory of John C. Calhoun will fall to pieces unless at once repaired.

Charlestou Wrecked. Charleston, S. C., Sept. 1 .- An earth-

far more loss of life than the cyclone of the year before, and at 8:25 a. m. precisely today another wave swept over the city. By time : the had been out in the public parks and open places all night had ventured into their houses to get their clothing and something to eat. This wave was not destructive however, all the destruction having been donellast night. The city a complete wreck St. Nichols church and St. Phillips church two of the most handsome churches benian hall, police station and many other public buildings. It is expected that between fifty and one hundred persons have Surplus . . .

been sick and unable to work for some city, about twenty houses were destroyed He was a burden to his mother, who is a the city are occupied, at this time the peodivorced woman, dependent on her two ple are all encamped in open places, all ion but no one can be got reach the stores to sell them Two slight shocks of earthquake have been Washington, Sept. 2.- The government felt here since the first at 8:25 this mo. npany in their Columbus case and their ment of the city has there ever been such to get away but owing to the earth-

trains have been able dispatched from the city. telegraphic communication is also cut off Proves to have been Disas save one wire of the Southern Telegraph company which is crowded with auxious private messages. It is impossible to depict the ruin and desclation that prevails here, not a single place of business in the city is open except one drug store which is busy preparing prescriptions for the wounded. It is impossible also to give any correct estimate of the killed and wounded as bodies are constantly being disinterred from the debris of the w.ecked houses, one undertaker who was interviewed stated that he had furnished eight coffins up to noon to day. Many of the dead are lying unburied, these being the poorer classes of colored people who swait burial by the county. There are not a half a dozen tents in the city and the women and childdren are experiencing great privation in consequence. As night approaches most it was believed that something fearful had heads of families are trying to construct tents out of bed-sheets, spare awnings and was impossible. The wires were down any other material that comes in their Trains could not run, and everything indi- hands. The sun is about to set upon ancated that Charleston had been stricken by other night of horror for poor Charleston. a fearful disaster. Rumors flew over the Heaven only knows what it may bring wires that the whole town was submerged. forth. Without any further violent shock of They were not credited. At nine o'clock earthquake it is calculated that threethis morning the wires still failed to re- fourths of the city will have to be rebuilt spond to the deft touch of the operator's entirely if the houses are to be inhabited WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE BUNNING

"Charleston in ruins. Streets blockaded in the open air terribly agitated. There with debris. Houses burning. Sixty per- are three or four steamers in port, including the buoy tenders and many of the For a long time it was impossible to wharf boats are provided with berths, on Scranton, Pa., Aug. 30 .- A terrible ex- secure additional information. Finally these boats fortunately the weather has Cold in Head been good and the hard-hips are not as severe as they might have been. The situaof five men. Two others were seriously in- the disaster. At 9:30 o'clock last night the tion, however, becoming horrible, they being | HAY FEVER. of the world, afflicted and haunted with t e prospect of immediate death. That is about the conditon of this community. No trains have arrived or departed from here for the past twenty-four hours. It is said that all the railroads leading into the city are crippled. The statement is made that all the railroads trains are twisted into the

At 11:50 p. m. - Another shock has just

At Columbia, South Carolina

Columbia S. C. Sept. 1. - There were sixteen distinct shocks from the earthquake here ast night and up to 3 o'clock this morning. The first shock was fearful and pasteboard. It seemed as if everything must topple. The rumbling in the earth was loud and horritying in the extreme. Clocks stopped, bells were rung and damage done to some buildings principally by the toppling of chimneys. Two rooms in Many of the others, white, are now lying the governor's mansion were wrecked.

Two shocks were felt this morning, one at half past eight and another about an hour

The Sign Right.

New York, Sept. 1 .- Those who have ived in countries subject to earthquakes state that the atmosphere conditions here have been such that in those counties the The Crphan's Home had its roof blown inhabitants would know an earthquake was impending.

THE QUARING CONTINUES.

The earthquake shock continued on the South Atlantic seaboard during the night and great excitement is reported. The negroes were paralyzed with fear and all classes of people slept in the open square during the entire night.

Another Volcano. Maita, Sept. 1 .- The captain of a steamer just arrived here reports that on Augthe north of the island of Galita off Tunis Among the public buil lings injured are in the Mediterranean sea he noticed that

More Shocks.

New York, September 1 .- A dispatch says that at 5:19, p. m., to-day another At present thousands of people are flock- earthquake shock was felt at Charles on, ing to the town and bringing help for the S. C., Augusta, Ga. and Columbia, South Carolina. At Augusta the vibrations, were noticable and lasted for about two

Summerville Destroyed.

Augusta, Ga., Sept. 1,-J. W. Averill, master of transportation of the South Car-Many of the fine monuments in this, the olina railroad company, telegraphs from and hundreds are homeless. The whole business portion of the c ty is badly wrecked.

A Singular Result.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 1 .- A singular

Felt at Smyrna.

Smyrna, Sept. 1 .- Several well defined shocks of earthquake were felt here between 10 and 12 o'clock last night. No damage was done.

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